THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (f) Hon'ble Prime Minister, whilst addressing the Civil Servants on the Second Civil Service Day on 21st April, 2007 had, *inter alia*, mentioned of a proposal for appointment of Agents of Change. The proposal is at the concept stage.

Ex-CMD of SECL

†4655. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether C.B.I. had raided the premises of ex-C.M.D. of South Eastern Coalfield Ltd. (SECL) in the year 2005;

(b) if so, whether C.B.I. had lodged an F.I.R. against the said C.M.D.; and

(c) if so, in which month and year, the said C.M.D. was issued notice by the court to appear before it and the status of the above case at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The CBI has registered a case No. RC.8(A)/2005-ACB/Ranchi on 02.04.2005 against Ex-CMD, South Eastern Coalfield Ltd. (SECL) and others.

(c) The Trial Court had issued a notice on 10.11.2006 to the Ex-CMD, SECL, and in response, he appeared before the Court on 22.03.2007. The case is under trial and is at the stage of appearance of the accused

Autonomy in functioning of CBI

4656. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the objective view on principle relating to the autonomy in the functioning of C.B.I.;

(b) whether it could be possible in practice for the Ruling Government:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.